

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire having a base tread comprising a  
rubber composition for a tire, comprising:

20 to 120 parts by weight of an inorganic filler, and

5 to 70 parts by weight of polyethylene powder,  
based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber;

said tire rubber composition being prepared by kneading at 140°C at most.

2. (Currently Amended) The pneumatic tire having a base tread formed  
from the rubber composition of Claim 1, wherein the particle size of said  
polyethylene powder is at most 500 µm.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (New) A pneumatic tire having a base tread and a cap tread, wherein the  
base tread comprises a rubber composition, comprising:

20 to 120 parts by weight of an inorganic filler, and

5 to 70 parts by weight of polyethylene powder,  
based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber;

said rubber composition being prepared by kneading at 140°C at most.

5. (New) The pneumatic tire having a base tread formed from the rubber  
composition of Claim 4, wherein the particle size of said polyethylene powder is  
at most 500 µm.

6. (New) The pneumatic tire of Claim 1, wherein the inorganic filler is present in an amount of 30 to 100 parts by weight, and the polyethylene powder is present in an amount of 5 to 60 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber.

7. (New) The pneumatic tire of Claim 4, wherein the inorganic filler is present in an amount of 30 to 100 parts by weight, and the polyethylene powder is present in an amount of 5 to 60 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber.

8. (New) The pneumatic tire of Claim 1, wherein the inorganic filler is present in an amount of 35 to 85 parts by weight, and the polyethylene powder is present in an amount of 10 to 55 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber.

9. (New) The pneumatic tire of Claim 4, wherein the inorganic filler is present in an amount of 35 to 85 parts by weight, and the polyethylene powder is present in an amount of 10 to 55 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber.

10. (New) The pneumatic tire according to Claim 1, wherein the rubber composition is prepared by kneading at 110 to 140°C.

11. (New) The pneumatic tire according to Claim 4, wherein the rubber composition is prepared by kneading at 110 to 140°C.